Drug Abuse in U.P.

1742. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the incidence of drug abuse in Uttar Pradesh during the last 2 years;

(b) how does it compare with other States in India;

(c) how many drug de-addiction centres are operating in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) what is the extent of financial help from the Central Governmenf to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) As no nation wide survey has been conducted to ascertain the incidence of drug abuse, it is not possible to compare the drug abuse prevalance situation state-wise. However, accoording to reports received from the De-addiction and the Counselling Centres being run by the NGOs in the State of U.P. with financial assistance from this Ministry, the number of drug addicts registered and detoxified at these Centres during the last two years is as under:—

Year	No. of drug addicts Registered	Detoxified
1992-93	34559	13089
1993-94	40977	18255

(c) and (d) As on 31.3.94, 15 Counselling and 13 De-addiction Centres are functioning in the State of U.P. These Centres are run by NGO's who receive financial assistance from this Ministry to the extent of 90 per cent of their total approved expenditure for maintenance of these Centres. Grants to the extent of Rs. 1.22 crores was released to these Centres in 1993-94.

Supply of Food Items to rural poor Living Below Poverty Line

1743. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government propose to supply food items at subsidised rates to the rural poor living below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): As per present policy, rice and wheat are distributed to all consumers, including the rural and urban poor at subsidised rates. Central Government issues foodgrains to States/UTs at subsidised prices. It is the responsibility of the State Government and UT Administrations to distribute foodgrains under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to the consumers. Central Government issues foodgrains meant for distribution in the Blocks covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices which are Rs. 50 per quintal lower than the Central Issue Prices for areas under normal PDS. Central Government has no proposal to introduce a differential Central Issue Price for the rural poor living below poverty line.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कर्मचारियों को तंग किये जाने के संबंध में शिकायतें

1744. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार के "राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग" को पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों की विभिन्न संस्थाओं में कार्यरत अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जन जातियों के कर्मचारियों तथा अधिकारियों को तंग किये जाने के संबंध में प्राप्त शिकायतों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उनका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या आयोग को होस्टल प्रबंध संस्थान, भोपाल के प्रधानाचार्य के विरुद्ध भी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है;